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Students Impressed with OALC



Date Rape Drug Circulating

Attention students!!! Please be aware that a form of date rape drug is circulating! This message was forwarded to us, and we feel that it should be passed on to you:

Shannon Whaites, Dialog Newspaper

Q: What is this drug that everyone is talking about?

A: The brand name of the drug is Rophnol. It is banned in North America. There are many slang terms for Rophnol including: roofies, rape, la roche, rib, R-2, or rope. Although the actual pharmaceutical is a pill, it is known to be circulating as an illegal liquid knock-off (gamma-hydroxybutyrate or flunitrazepam).

Q: What is Rophnol capable of doing?

A: Rophnol was originally created to be a tranquilizer. However, it is said to be ten times more potent than Valium. The influence of Rophnol is so powerful that it's user can do almost anything to their victim without any resistance. In some cases, the victims may not even remember what has happened to them; Rophnol is known for bringing on amnesia.

Q: How easy is it to access Rophnol? Should I be worried about this drug appearing in clubs around Toronto?

A: Rophnol is growing in popularity at alarming rates because it is easily accessible and it's low manufacturing costs make it a "rapists

dream". You can purchase a vial of Rophnol for approximately \$2.00 - \$5.00.

Ottawa and Montreal have already begun to see the evil effects of the tranquilizer. However, there is still some speculation as to where this drug has and has not reached yet; there are some news reports claim that Rophnol hasn't even reached Canada yet.

Signs and Symptoms:

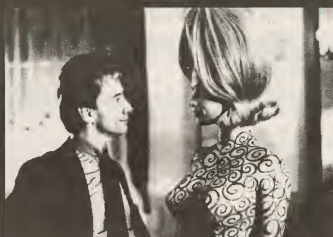
- Rophnol can be easily slipped into a drink because it is odorless, colorless, and tasteless; so if the drink tastes fine DON'T BE FOOLED!

- Some of the more common symptoms include: extreme sedation, amnesia, muscle relaxation, slowing of reflexes, slurred speech, bloodshot eyes. (To everyone else, it looks like intoxication. Basically, no one will be able to tell whether you are drugged or why this drug has become popular.)

- From first hand observation, it can also create hallucinations, insomnia and extreme disorientation. (My friend didn't know where - or even who she was!)

- It reacts violently with alcohol, argumenting the effects, and potentially leading to respiratory depression, aspiration and death.

Mars Attacks!



Lusty White House Press Secretary Jerry Ross (Martin Short) salaciously surveys the curious wiles of the vixenish Martian Girl (Lisa Marie).

From the man who brought you "Batman", "Edward Scissorhands" and "Beetlejuice", Tim Burton and Warner Brothers present the Martian-mayhem, madcap spoof "Mars Attacks." Based on the Topps trading-card series depicting the planetwide pandemonium that ensues when little green men from the Angry Red Planet invade, the all-star, cross-country sci-fi opens across

Canada on December 13.

Playing Earthlings under intergalactic siege is a stellar cast of dazzlers. Led by Jack Nicholson in a dual role, the star-heavy ensemble includes; Glen Close, Annette Bening, Pierce Brosnan, Danny DeVito, Martin Short, Sarah Jessica Parker, Michael J. Fox, Rod Steiger, Tom Jones, Lukas Haas, Natalie Portman, Jim Brown, Lisa Marie and Sylvia Sidney.

Prevention:

- If you are feeling that you may have been drugged, tell someone immediately - before it's too late.

- DO NOT accept any drinks from anyone but a bartender. Be weary of your dates too; this is the ultimate date rape drug that we are dealing with here.

- Unfortunately, there is nothing else that I can tell you to help you prevent yourself from Rophnol.

For more information, please contact your local sexual assault centre. You can also email myself at bx3s@musicb.mcgill.ca

Sheryl Fisker

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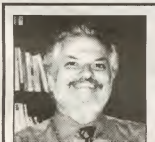
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Student Voice

FRANKLY SPEAKING



Frank
SOROICHINSKY

Dialog staff had the opportunity to ask the big chair some questions. Frank Soroichinsky, our beloved President, agreed to answer some common student questions. This Q & A session will appear over the next couple issues.

Students are complaining of a reduction in class time and an increase in class sizes. Does the College recognize this situation and what steps are being taken to address these concerns?

"Yes we are aware students have raised these concerns. It's not an easy issue. Many things must be taken into account. I don't think a simple equation of time and size necessarily always relates to quality. We need to concentrate on recent changes over the last while and we need to insure the outcomes haven't been negatively af-

fected. It would be inappropriate to say that changes can be made without some problems. We are examining the situation to make sure the outcomes haven't been negatively affected."

Many institutions have introduced computerized classrooms for a variety of courses as seen at York and Acadia; is the College currently exploring more computer facilitated learning?

"Yes, in fact there are projects currently underway that in one form or another deal with computer based learning. There is a lot of opportunity, there's no question it is a credible tool, the answer is to not consider it the answer to everything but, that we think of it in the overall experience. Computer based learning is what students want and they learn well that way and it's probably true that this will be more and more the case due to exposure, but it's also true there is a lot more to the learning experience that can be helpful to the students perspective."

What are the plans for the future of the Bell centre project?

"The Bell centre project is one that is evolving. We are currently speaking with Bell and other partners in the venture to

reassess it's direction. A lot is happening there now. A number of organizations are coming to us to facilitate for them. We are putting in place an articulation agreement that allows technology graduates across Ontario to use their credits toward a University degree. We had about 200 calls when information of the availability of this was released. This is for an Industrial technology degree. However, it is a possibility to use that model for other programs in the future."

Is reimbursement for course exemptions an option at George Brown?

"The tuition fees for the Colleges are governed slightly differently from the Universities. They are also managed differently. University is done by course and College by status in terms of the program you avail yourself. At the moment there isn't a course by course exemption for colleges per say. In the future there probably will be a shift toward more and more course based programming whereby students can pick and choose. I expect that when we go in that directly, and I think we currently are moving in that direction, along with it will be more of an orientation toward course by course learning."

"SUDDENLY SUSAN"



Susan
DEAK

AGM Report

As a follow up to my article in the last issue, I would like to thank all of the students who came to the Student Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 26. I was pleased to see so many students come out for this event.

The three main issues discussed were the S.A. audit for 95/96, the budget for this year, and the Health/Dental Insurance Plan. With regards to the audit and the budget, all information requested will be published in the next issue. With regards to the Health/Dental Insurance Plan, there were questions which we were unable to answer because we were waiting for some responses from the College and the Insurance companies. When we have all of those answers, they will be posted outside the S.A. offices and published in the Dialog.

The main thing I would like to note in this article is the following statement which I read at the AGM with regard to the honoraria of the Student Leaders of the S.A.:

On October 7th, 1996, a motion was brought forward at the Board of Directors meeting to increase the honoraria of Board members. At the meeting, the question was deferred to the next meeting so that a lawyer could be consulted to determine if there were any legal issues to be considered. At the next meeting on October 24th, 1996, after consulting with a lawyer, it was the Board's understanding that there were no legal barriers to prevent it from voting on this issue. Therefore,

at the October 24th meeting, the Board did consider the motion and did vote in favour of the increase. Since that time, it has come to the Board's attention that a policy passed by the previous Board would have prohibited the decision from being taken. Therefore, the honoraria will return to the previous level.

The Board wishes to stress that, at all times, it was acting in good faith and that the decision to vacate the increase does not mean that the Board believes that the increase was not warranted.

The Board recognizes that its records must be accurate and complete so that it always has access to full information when conducting its business. For this reason, updating "Policies and Procedures" will be a high priority. The Board notes that it has established a subcommittee to address "Policies and Procedures" and that the existing SRC's have been invited to participate. The Board will direct that this committee make it a first priority to review all existing "Policies and Procedures."

The board has also heard the concerns of the students and the decision has been made to take this issue to a referendum so that the voices of the entire student body can be heard.

In closing, I would like to state that as the elected representatives from the student body, the Board of Directors has always made its decisions in good faith. The decisions are always based on how the Student Association can best serve the greater majority of the students of George Brown College. Any student who is concerned about these decisions is welcome to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors, or they can ask any one of the Student Leaders. If anyone has any questions about this article, please feel free to put your concern or questions in writing and drop them off at any Student Association office.

S.R.C.s Up and Coming!

Sandy De Sousa- VP Hospitality

Well, I'm glad to say that the S.R.C.s of the Hospitality Division are finally getting their hands wet.

On November 20th, the S.R.C. Executive positions were filled. Acclaimed into position, we congratulate the following for stepping forward and leading us into the new year:

Lee Shemuel - President
Heather Manderson - Vice-President of Communications
Tania Grezina - Director of Fundraising & Marketing
Simone Sher - Treasurer

For the remainder of 1996, our S.R.C.s will be preparing for an eventful year in 1997. If anyone should have any ideas or suggestions for your S.R.C. executives or if you would like to be a S.R.C. rep, please call 415-5074.

Once again, we congratulate the brave souls who volunteer to undertake the responsibility and headaches that will soon follow in the new year.

Congratulations and good luck guys!

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College Life

Up and Coming Sporting Events

- Dec. 13-15** Badminton Invitational Tournament @ St. James 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 26** Women's Basketball Tournament G.B.C. @ Schoolcraft College (Livonia, Mich.)
- Jan. 3-4** Men's Basketball Invitational Tournament @ St. James 3-10 p.m.
- Jan. 6-17** Intramurals Registration Indoor Soccer (St. James), Blind Volleyball (Casa Loma)
- Jan. 6** Registration for Table Tennis Tournament (Feb. 4 @ St. James 4:00 p.m.)
- Jan. 8** Women's Basketball G.B.C. @ Seneca 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 8** Men's Basketball G.B.C. @ Seneca 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 8** Women's Indoor Soccer First Practice @ Casa Loma Gym
- Jan. 8** Men's Indoor Soccer First Practice @ Casa Loma gym
- Jan. 9** Women's Volleyball Sheridan @ G.B.C. 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 10-11** Badminton Tournament G.B.C. @ Mowhawk T.B.A.
- Jan. 15** Women's Basketball Humber @ G.B.C. 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 15** Men's Basketball Humber @ G.B.C. 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 17** Women's Basketball Humber @ G.B.C. 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 17** Men's Basketball Alumni Game @ G.B.C. 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 18** Girl's High School Volleyball Tournament @ St. James 9a.m. - 8a.m.
- Jan. 21** Skiing Invitational @ S.S. Flemming (P) Devil's Elbow
- Jan. 21** Women's Basketball G.B.C. @ Durham 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 21** Men's Basketball G.B.C. @ Durham 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25** Women's Basketball All Star Game G.B.C. @ Durham 5:30 p.m.

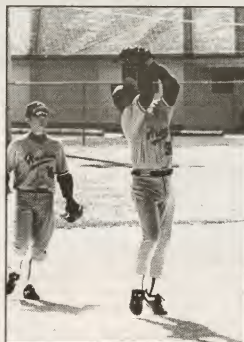


Photo at left, (left to right): Evan Dipiero and Andre Contreras playing baseball.

Below: (back - left to right) Angela Baldassare, Henri and Velha of the George Brown Women's soccer team.



- Jan. 25** Men's Basketball All Star Game G.B.C. @ (T.B.A.) 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 27** Women's Basketball G.B.C. @ Redeemer 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 29** Men's Basketball Sheridan @ G.B.C. 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 31** Co-ed Volleyball Extramural Tournament @ Humber (Lakeshore) 9a.m. - 5p.m.

Letter to the Editor

Adam Lipsey
Electrical Technology
Casa Loma Campus

The College is having serious problems handling registration both physically and morally at the Casa Loma Campus. My concern if this:

In August 1996, the second year technology students were given the registration procedure for elective courses. They were told by Registration to choose one of the three offered courses to start in January 1997. The letter stipulated a certain day in August to call the College and select a course, or two dates - September 5 & 6 - to negate in person. Registration did not accept any faxes of mail. There was also no mention of a late fee for failing to register on these selected days.

How could the College realistically expect that all of the students would be able to register in the middle

of August or on the first two days of school when everybody is lining up at registration (minding everything but those winter electives?) I was surprised to learn that from September 7th there was a late fee payable (\$20 dollars) to register for the winter course which is mandatory to take anyway. This is outrageous! Registration provided an incredibly small time window at the worst possible time; when everybody is away from school - possibly hundreds of kilometers! This should have been done last spring during classes.

I went to talk with the registrar, George Burton. He quickly dismissed me, saying that "You are an adult, don't need a baby-sitter and should understand the consequences of your decisions. You chose not to register in time, therefore you will have to pay." When I asked him to waive the penalty, his reply was: "Why should you be treated differently from the other students? Registration costs us money."

I realized that I had hit a concrete wall in Burton. I tried other routes to appeal.

I visited the English Chair in person and also faxed her a letter of complaint. I also sent the same letter to Al Budzin who is the General Education Chair. He faxed me back a few lines, stating, that Registration - he thinks - has given proper conditions.

Knowing that the College staff were not going to help me, I asked the Student Association. Omar Silva (the Vice President) welcomed my case and offered help. Unfortunately, after a few weeks - we had to conclude that every approach leads back to Burton who has sole authority in Registration matters.

If Registration really wants to tax us and steal our money, they could have done it in a more sophisticated way: the ransom (registration fee) is already built into the tuition, is it not??

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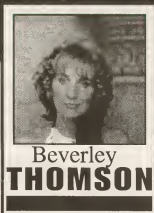
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In The Know...



Beverley THOMSON

STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Raise to see Referendum

Many of you reading this article may not be aware that on November 26, 1996 at the Casa Loma campus the Student Association held its First Annual General Meeting. Only forty-five students were in attendance. Although the SA provided 2 sixty-three passenger buses, free of charge, to ensure transportation would not be an issue for students who wished to attend, only eight students used the buses.

Following the meeting, the Dog caught up with Cathy Sheldon, a third year accounting student to get her impressions. I chose Ms. Sheldon because not only did her comments throughout the meeting seem truthful and positive, but she contributed a great deal.

Ms. Sheldon has been involved with the Business Students Association since last year. By sharing her past experiences and her knowledge about Robert's Rules of Order, she and the BSA hope to expand the role of the Student Representative Councils. They

The Watchdog!

want to add to the solutions and work cooperatively with other groups.

Ms. Sheldon hates it when people complain and do not offer solutions. One of the BSA's goals is to provide a better feedback tool. That means not only attending meetings and listening but getting actively involved. When there are rumours, Cathy will investigate and assist the BSA in resolving them. The latest rumours have been associated with how the SA is spending the students money.

Watchdog: Cathy, there were any surprises at the AGM this year? Cathy: The SA decided to take their pay increase to Referendum! That took 2 of our motions off the floor. Cathy expressed that many of her questions had been directed at the student leaders and if they knew what they were getting into when they took on the job? If student leaders were aware of their job description prior to taking office, why would they be dissatisfied with the stipulated income. With the referendum, students will have a chance to have their opinion known, on whether the SA Board members are entitled to a \$100.00/ month pay increase.

Watchdog: Are there any major concerns at hand? Cathy: The SA is not having another meeting until January to address the bylaws. That is a long haul to not have a VP on board to express our inter-

ests. We have a spokesperson, Colleen McDowell, representing GBC to the Board. But, she does not carry a vote. Cathy has been asked if she would like to run as our new Vice President - St. James campus. She is concerned about getting a job outside the college attending GBC next semester. She's not the kind of person to get involved for the money, and would probably end up sleeping at GBC, because when she gets involved in projects, she gives it her all.

Another problem that Cathy pointed out was that the SA bylaws are misinterpreted. At present, they state different things pending which one you read. The old By-Laws don't fit because they refer to last years student leaders. The amended bylaws must be updated to fit the present restructuring.

Watchdog: going back to the AGM, what are three positive outcomes you feel really good about? Cathy: 1. The motion that the up and running SRC's (BSA & TRC- Technology Representative Council) put on the floor that the SA must provide a monthly comparative budget, so students can see exactly how their money is spent. Student now have the option to go to the SA and look at the budget. If they don't look, they have no right to complain. This way there will be no surprises at the

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TORONTO: The Sub-culture of Café Life

By: Tanya Enberg



Once again I am greeted by grim tones of grey Toronto. A Toronto which looks as though it has woke up on the wrong side of the bed. No it will not shine, the sun won't smile but rather, it will make sure that I contemplate my purpose, question my reasoning for waking up? Why should I not accept that I too am an animal? And in knowing this allow myself to hibernate, say for five or six months. The only single one factor that separates me from a bear or a squirrel that I am aware of is; COFFEE.

So day in and day out I wake-up to the good morning glares of dark, dreary skies which heckle me as they look down upon me in my nest of blankets and pillows and scream, "I have control, your day is mine, your mood is mine and I will do my best to drain any feelings of content that you may have over the next six months." I accept my position of loss, bribe myself out of bed for the one soul, favour, the one link to life that I savour, as equally as pertinent to my welfare as the blood which fills my veins...to make coffee.

Coffee has become my own personal connection to the outside world, and from noting the state of cafe's during my very first visit to Toronto, I have found that the coffee sub-culture, there are the prententious coffee drinkers who have evolved to expresso's and Lattes', there are the humorous twitching characters speaking to their other personalities quite loudly and then there are the students. Yes, we do have a place.

locations has it's own specific clientele and feel. Bloor Street Future's is piled up to the ceiling with animals of all ages seeking a life, waiting for life to happen; essentially a bunch of readers, writers, artists and speakers all claiming to be 'enigma's.' You can't go wrong, it is as exciting as a front row seat to a film, possibly a crummy film, but all it will cost you is a buck for a coffee.

Just behind 'Future's' a new world of drama comes to life in the Greenroom. Ugly yet comfortable couches, dimlytes and intense low-key conversations travel around me like soothing whispers. There is no pressure to purchase unnecessary things like food, here is a place I can relax, read and appear intensified and purposeful. Yes damn it, 'don't you know who I am?' is what I can express to the other three people sitting by themselves, who also appear as though they too have a purpose.

Taking a tour down Queen Street is cafe haven for addicts of the Colombian bean. Queen street allows me to watch the three sides of coffee sub-culture. There are the prententious coffee drinkers who have evolved to expresso's and Lattes', there are the humorous twitching characters speaking to their other personalities quite loudly and then there are the students. Yes, we do have a place.

Other cool places to hang are the Letterie, The Take-Two Cafe, some of the Second Cup Locations...Anyways, there are literally thousands of cafe's to discover, enough to comfortably fill every barren, purposeless day. Enough to help you escape the wrath of Mother Nature's bad mood. You too can become somebody today, indulge in Irish cream and venture into the realms of the coffee bean sub-culture. I promise you will feel like a new animal.

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Campus Buzz

What would you do if you won a million dollars?



Debra Lord
Chef-Pie
1st year

"If I won a million dollars, I would quit my job. After doing that, I would definitely go on an expensive vacation (where it is warm and sunny), that I could not have afforded otherwise. After this, I would certainly begin making plans for the restaurant that I would like to open after I complete my studies here at George Brown."



Steven Chevalier
Graphic Arts
2nd year

"I'd tell everybody who I dislike where to go! No joke! Then I would quit my job for life and start on a 1 year vacation travelling everywhere and anywhere. I would get so smashed that I would have to be carried away. Then, I would buy the nicest, fastest car I could get with 600 horse power. I would take all of my friends out and give them the best time of their lives. SMASH BASH!!!"



Albert Jayaseelan
Nursing
1st year

"I would go on a vacation and put school on hold. Then buy a nice car. I am a shop-a-holic so I would be in the malls before you could see me leave! I haven't parted since school started, so you know what I'd be doing... Of course, I would help my friends and family financially, and would then donate towards AIDS research."



Kevin & Louie
Graphic Design
2nd year

"I would put half in the bank, purchase a house and a car, pay off O.S.A.P. and get Louie some braces, buy off my teachers and graduate early, then go somewhere warm for the Christmas holidays."



Bev Mulvihill-Lawrence
Activation Co-ordinator/
Gerontology
2nd year

"Paying off tuition, O.S.A.P., and all of my outstanding debts would be my first priority. I would also give money to my family and invest a portion for myself. I would throw a huge bash (hire my favorite bands to play), and invite every person I know. Finally, I would open up a community facility for elderly persons."



Allison Johnston
Desktop Publishing
1st year

"This is what I would do with one million dollars:

- † Pay off my debts
- † Put some away for investments and savings
- † Buy myself a house in Cabbage Town
- † Finish school and travel around England, Ireland and Scotland visiting the pubs and checking out the bands."

An Entertainment Wave for the Future

By Tanya Enberg

Everyone is familiar with the advertising cliché "something for everyone," and there's no better way to describe my recent venture out to Mississauga's new attraction...Sega City. The Playdium is a Disney World for video addicts, occasional users or for those seeking acres and acres of mass technology for their own private reasons. See, the reason there is something for all who check in to the "City" is because it goes far beyond bright lights, oh yes...there is a melody of liquors, beer and wine and a full menu at the 'upper level,' perfect for those of you visiting out of consideration for you video-lovers. One more bonus for some of you, the bar is smoker-friendly.

Expect to see 192 video games ranging from Virtual Reality, (bound to give you that "Terminator" feel) to Olympic racing, referred to as the 'Simulation Zone' and take on the ball-park challenge at the batting cages. If you are enticed by the idea of trippy entertainment, the Imax Ride Film is a must. This is your chance to sit back and enter a new world full of animated people and creatures, expect to be startled and hear a few hollars. No worries it's harmless fun.

Other things to check out within the 11.5 acres of heightened acid-like magic is Virtual Indy or the seasonal Grand Prix style go-cart racing.

The Playdium can be a full day of adventure or a couple of hours because you pay as you play and there is no entrance fee. The drawback to the City is that the games may seem costly for the average student but especially for students with high video game stamina.

If you're looking to visit the Playdium it is located at 99 Rathburn Road West, Mississauga across the street from Square One Mall.



PLAYDIUM
SEGA CITY

Attention!

All George Brown Employees and Students

Michael Sylvestri, a long time employee of the College, recently passed away. Michael was highly respected and dearly loved by many employees and students alike. He will be greatly missed. In order to show our appreciation, for Michael's service to the College, we would like to start a scholarship fund in his name.

The \$200 annual award is to be given to a student meeting the following criteria:

1. The student must be enrolled in the second year of a full-time Business program.
2. The student must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.7.
3. The student must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.
4. The student must show proof of financial need in order to qualify for the award.

The award will be presented to the recipient at the Faculty of Business Awards Day ceremony. We are asking for a minimum contribution of \$20. Income tax receipts will be issued to anyone making a contribution of \$20 or more.

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Are you actually interested in getting a job when you get out of school?

By: Fabio Groe

Are you in a club? Do you actively participate in club functions? If so, can they help you get a job? Some of the benefits of belonging to a club include: meeting new people, developing new skills and networking. By volunteering for club functions you open yourself to new and exciting experiences.

As a member of the Italian Culinary Club, I have had the opportunity to take part in many of the clubs functions. These functions include: the Venetian Ball held at the Villa Colombo on September 26th and the Women's College Hos-



pital's fund-raiser held November 12th at the Ballet Centre for Performing Arts.

Through volunteering I was offered the opportunity to illustrate my skills working as a future chef at a well known Italian restaurant, Ristorante

Boccaccio. By being a member, you too can get acquainted with top Italian chefs in Ontario and gain recognition. You earn your diploma and receive the practical experience which is the key to a prosperous future.

Student volunteers play a major role in running the Italian Culinary Club. Keep in mind that volunteering provides recommendation letters and looks really good on a resume.

For further information,

please contact the Italian Culinary Club in Room 254, Hospitality Building located at 300 Adelaide Street East.

Fabio is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Italian Culinary Club.

Italia Storms George Brown College

Tuesday, November 12, 1996

Dedicated to Chef Rodney Donne for his introduction...

The upheaval commenced when I stumbled upon a document asking for troops to volunteer at La Reserve, a bastion located at 8432 Leslie St. at Highway 7, in Richmond Hill. I was informed there, by Chef Mario Vena and his battalion, of the clandestine mission we were to execute. Preparation was in order. I was stationed at Garde Manger to assist with the mise-en-place for the first course and to aide in the pre-production of our charge.

Chef Mario Vena then applied his special stratagem. It was kept top secret until the Members of ORPI were in firing range. The ovens ignited, the flames of the gas stoves were piloted and double checked, and the battalion readied for action as the zero hour approached.

The Italians were in sight and with them were our spies from the George Brown

Brigade; Laura Sangalli, the active President of the Italian Culinary Club, Chef Ivano Zambotti and Chef Rodney Donne. The initiation of our mission was to be activated at 19:00 hours. We had five minutes left to fortify the troops and we stationed ourselves accordingly. Chef Mario Vena took to the helm. To his far left was his Sous-Chef, Kenan, a scholastically untrained member of his team, but with experience second to none. To Chef Vena's immediate left was his Garde-Manger Manager, Ken Morris, a graduate of Culinary Management at George Brown College. I was the novice on beard and stood to Chef Mario Vena's immediate right, as the Chef's son, Mike, stood to my right, keeping an eye-fall watch over me.

We were ready to attack. A salad of Baby Greens in a Cucumber Vase with a Balsamic Emulsion was sent out first by the infantry, followed by dishes of Large Penne with Porcini Mushrooms. The plates were devoured. Chef Vena prepared Braised Eye of Round in a Borloto sauce that was served as the next course, and was accompanied by a

platter of Smoked Cod in a Livornese Sauce, traditionally known as Baccala.

The Italians seemed to succumb to our tactics, but we knew that we had yet to bring on the dessert.

Height, colour, and sparseness, were the Garde-Manger's intentions as we filled the plates with his creation; Dolce Vita, which consisted of Chocolate Pate, Peach Sorbet, Tira Misu, and garnitures of curled caramel, fresh strawberries and a Lace Almond Wafer.

La Reserve's had accomplished its mission. The Members of ORPI, having been satiated in a victorious banquet, raised their glasses of red wine in honour of La Reserve's efforts in maintaining the authenticity and tradition of the Italian culinary methods that Chef Mario Vena and his troops had applied.

Italia Victorious Over George Brown:

Wednesday, November 13th, 1996
Two members of ORPI visited George Brown College on the heels of their victory. They met with our Italian emissary, Chef Ivano Zambotti, who offered them a lab to demonstrate to his battalion, the fine art of authentic Italian culinary methods. Sen. Gianni Malagoli and Sen. Carboni enthrall us with the preparation of freshly made Gnocchi and Tortelli. The Gnocchi was served with a Lobster Sauce and the Tortelli was stuffed with a brouise of vegetables and parmesan cheese served with an exquisite Butter and Dill Sauce. Chef Ivano Zambotti honoured the two Italian chefs with a certificate from George Brown as his battalion raised from their seats with a deserved round of applause.

*ORPI, Ordine Ristoratori Professionisti Italiani (Association of Italian Professional Restaurant Proprietors) is a non-profit

association founded in Milan in 1984 by a group of qualified professionals in this branch with the aim to re-launch and valorize the high professional profile of Italian Restaurant Proprietors in Italy and abroad, expressed by a vast range of regional cuisines, food and wines of our country.

At present, the association counts almost 300 members, owners-chef of outstanding Italian restaurants or of Italian tradition, one hundred of which are ranking high at international level: in Europe, USA, Canada, Latin America and Asia.

Sen. Gianni Malagoli is the active Segretario generale (General Secretary) and Sen. Sergio Carboni is an active Consigliere (Counsellor).

The Sede Sociale (Head Office) is located at: Via Quarto 12, 16148 Genova, Italy.

This article was written and experienced by: David Y-D Martin, Culinary Management, Member of the Italian Culinary Club and Hospitality Club of George Brown College.

1 Secretariat ORPI, Guida 1996, Ai Ristoranti ORPI, March 1996, Istituto Grafico Silvo Basile srl, Genova, Italy.

In The Know...

TENSION IN THE PUB



D.J. Jam Competition turns Vicious

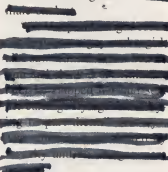
By: Tanya Enberg

General Arts student reps recently decided to hold an event to show-off the DJ talent within the student body. The event was held Thurs., Nov. 96, on a regular scheduled pub-night. The goal was to have a friendly competition between DJ's and to support the Foodbank. That friendly competition turned into a vicious event shortly into the evening.

At first everything was going fairly smoothly, aside from minor problems with the music equipment which was quickly rectified. It was once the music began that trouble began to shoot. The line-up consisted of ten DJ's that were given a half-hour to show their stuff and mix their style. People began to dance and there was a certain aura in the pub that hadn't been present on previous nights. To the surprise of one General Arts Student Leader and co-ordinator, Georgia, the aura was not one of mere excitement but one of vicious competitiveness.

"The event wasn't suppose to be like that, we tried to get a variety of DJ's from Reggae, to Hip Hop, Rock, Alternative, we advertised for DJ's and who ever came we used. But at one point at the end of a set a bunch of people came up yelling "Why are you shortening our boy's time? A lot of them started to leave," said Georgia.

According to the co-ordinator, problems got increasingly worse when a fight broke out between two DJ's.



The Leaders do not know what went wrong and are still upset about the event.

"I wasn't expecting this, we just wanted to put on something simple but there might

have been an underlying agenda going around the school that I wasn't aware of. Because the advertising was distributed so late, it is possible that people got the wrong idea of what the night was for. Basically if it had of just been 1st and 2nd year General Arts students it would have been nice. It was suppose to be something for them," said Georgia.

Other problems that took over the fun occurred when a DJ, imposter came in a took over the microphone without permission than people began smoking marijuana and some students reported seeing other students loading starter pistols.

The donations, or better the lack of donations was another problem that defeated the purpose of the evening. There was no cover charge but donations

for canned food or spare change was requested. Unfortunately the donation total was only \$38.00 leaving co-ordinators disappointed with the evening's outcome.

Georgia adds 'it wasn't suppose

to be that stupid club atmosphere, I don't understand what went wrong.' This event will definitely have student leaders questioning if it is worth taking responsibility for co-ordinating future events.



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AGM. Presently, there is a bylaw stating the SA is not allowed to publish the minutes from their Board meetings. Nobody really knows why that bylaw is there?

#2. We want to know what motions are passed and denied at the monthly board meetings. This information should be posted near the SA office and published in the Dialog for all students to read. This way all students will know what the SA is doing on the students behalf. (That was passed by the membership and done as resolutions. Students should know that the board is under no obligation to follow the resolutions) Yes, we are excited but we still need to see what the final rationale will be.

#3. The third positive outcome concerns setting the date for the bylaws which is scheduled to take place on or before January 24, 1997.

Watchdog: Was there any outcome that you were displeased with? Cathy: Some of the questions concerning expenses and some of the things that were in the audited statement. I understand that the Treasurers' position was filled recently, but still someone should have had the background information available, especially since they were tipped off ahead of time that we had some very serious questions that we needed answered.

Watchdog: So Cathy what were some of the questions that the SA or Treasurer were not able to answer? Cathy: The statement of changes to equity which had to do with \$193, 250.75 and what it referred to. Nobody seemed to be able to answer the question. Also, what was the miscellaneous \$22, 128.13 spent on? To be fair to the SA, this budget had

to do with last years Executive. But, it is still their responsibility to know what happened last year—the Dog agrees.

Watchdog: Was there any budget prepared for this year. Cathy: No, not one prepared for this meeting, but there is a budget. When I asked them about the budget I was told they (SA) were told by outside advice not to include this years budget in the agenda for this meeting. (This was told to Cathy by Colleen McDowell from the podium during question period).

Watchdog: Was there a sense that the budget was not an important issue to students? Cathy: I believe that question was put over until the January 24, 1997 meeting. Students are invited to come and voice their opinions and questions. (Watch for the posters. Your opinion counts!)

Watchdog: Were questions put off to be answered in January? Cathy: Three main issues were put off. 1. Insurance: Some students want to opt in, and others want to opt out. The deadline, October 15th, has passed. I think the main concern about opening it back up, is that more students might opt out then in. And it could become a nightmare for the SA...so lets just see what happens.

Another issue which arose and was addressed to George Burton, the College Registrar concerned invoices sent out to students after they already paid a premium. (Still not resolved.) Mr. Burton stated that they have precedence over this issue. They have the right to issue invoices even if added cost are incurred. Do you have a comment on that Cathy? Cathy: No comment.

Was their anything not included in the agenda or meeting that should have been? Cathy: For me...I feel the

budget should have been there! The SA does have a budget and if you are interested you have to ask for one in the SA office and it will be given to you.

As for the Health plan; Under the direction of their Marketing Co-ordinator, second year marketing students are working on a formal survey. At the end of the year the SA and insurance company can look at how many clients they had this past year, and adjust the premium accordingly. The insurance adjuster said he will do this over a three to six month period and give us an estimate of how much it is going to cost for next year in order that it could be published. The marketing students are actually preparing it as part of their course outline.

The SA the right to choose if the resolutions are in the best interest of the corporation not if they are going to follow the issues that were voted on. But not to worry it would be a politically bad move on their part, not to follow through, or at least consider the above resolutions.

Since the restructuring we are very appreciative for all their work and effort. A lot of good things have come out of their joint efforts. They put together our new Student Lounge and Island Feast. So remember fellow Dog lovers not to feed rumours, but to attend meetings and carry a voice like Cathy Sheldon, this months Dog hero.

In closing, the Dog would like to thank the SA who is listening to our concerns.

**WATCHDOG—
BEVERLEY THOMSON**

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In The Know...



**Brad
LaBELLE**

I'd like to take the opportunity to give some answers to some common questions about the new student health plan. In the summer Student Association (SA) executives worked out several issues with the college and the insurance companies. This included a decision for the opt out deadline of October 15. After this date had passed, the S.A. was made aware many students felt they were not properly informed of the deadline as it was not included in the mailed information or on information posters. Also several students were billed by the college after

Student Health and Dental Plan for G.B.C. Students

the deadline. On Oct. 24 the SA executive made the decision not to extend the deadline for these people because health cards had already been distributed to students.

At the SA annual general meeting faces were placed to these complaints as several students voiced their disapproval of relevant SA decisions. As a result an emergency executive meeting was called to reconsider the decision yet again. At this meeting the option for extending the deadline was not possible. The insurance company would not permit an extension at this time. If you still wish to opt in, I encourage you to forward written intent to myself at the St. James office. (fax 415-2491)

Concerns have also been raised concerning the billing of tuition short students who were not to be billed for the plan. Tuition short students include all programs that are not full-time diploma programs. Their concern is that the college has

their money but, as they are not covered by the plan, have been denied the opportunity to use the plan. The college has stated they have not billed any tuition short students. If you're a tuition short student and have been billed for the health plan we request you examine your bill carefully to insure you have in fact been charged. If you have please forward a copy of the bill to me so we can resolve the situation.

To date 1300 students have opted out of the plan and over 200 more have expressed their intent to opt out. In the near future we will be conducting a survey in cooperation with the marketing students to get a realistic idea of just how students feel about this plan. Watch for it because the more input we have, the better the position for us to base our decision for next year.

This survey will also include questions concerning oral contraceptives. The plan doesn't cover them because it was a

decision of the SA that such an action would have been too controversial. Aside from a large portion of males who would disagree with paying an extra \$12, there were other concerns. There are several students of a religious denomination who do not support the use of such products. The concern was if it was ethical to force these people, as the plan is an opt out plan (due to cost considerations) to pay for something they don't support for religious reasons.

On a more positive note, many students have started taking advantage of the plan. A large number of students feel this plan is a deal at \$77.52 for the amount of coverage you receive. In fact, a comparable private plan may cost hundreds of dollars.

I suggest that anyone who has concerns of the above mentioned nature, or if you just have more questions, to please forward them to me ASAP.

Health Plan Update

Student Health and Dental Plan Information

At the request of students, the Student Association agreed to investigate the possibility of extending the published deadline for opting out of the student Health and Dental Insurance Plan. After consulting with the insurance companies, it has been verified that they will no longer accept opt-outs. Those students who believe they did not receive any billing before the 15th of October, should submit a copy of their bill to the SA office. Each case will be investigated individually. We apologize for the delay and any inconvenience, however we are trying to work with an external broker and two separate insurance companies and it took time to communicate with them.

Some students have indicated that they have received billings from the College with conflicting deadline dates. In these cases, we have been advised by the College that these bills will be due by December the 18th.

Open Access Computer Learning Centres Funded by Students for Students

By: Nelen Ramgoolam

In spite of reductions in provincial funding, Open Access Learning Centres (OALC) at George Brown College have undergone major improvements, and are giving students considerable value for their \$70.00 Technology fee.

The OALC at the Nightingale Campus has recently opened in the library. Equipped with ten new PCs and software such as Windows

tions used in the College.

Some of the centres new features include: the installation of 120 new Pentium PCs, Macintosh 9500s, Microsoft Office for Windows '95, Visual Basic, Microsoft Works, e-mail, Netscape, screen magnification software for low vision students and new dot matrix and colour laser printers. Course specific hardware and software has been set up in the centres where they are re-

quired. This is why Borland c++, Autocad and Softplan are at Casa Loma and the Macintosh 9500s were installed at St. James. However, all currently registered students are welcome to use any of the three centres. These enhancements, coupled with the extended operational hours, were made possible with the aid of

the Student Technology Fee. The centres are student driven facilities funded by students, staffed mainly by students, and used by students. The purpose of the centres is to facilitate independent learning, research and remedial studies, by providing access to the Web, tutorials and all of the major software applications available in the teaching labs. This is significant since Canada and the World at

The goal of the OALC's is to assist students to develop and hone their computer skills by providing a user-friendly environment conducive toward self directed learning.

Many students feel that an Open Access Computer Learning Centre is a useful resource. Joanne Marshman, a first semester student in the Community Worker program says, "I'm happy that George Brown has put our money to good use by opening up the computer centre and having it so easily accessible."

Tracy, a third semester Graphic Design student was angry because she only recently discovered the centre. She says, "this is great, because not everyone has a computer and our classrooms are always busy and crowded."

Arron Shammas, a third semester Health Records Administration student was instructed by his teacher to use the Internet for a variety of assignments but did not know where he could access it. When asked about how he found the OALC he said, "I was walking by and looked into the lab to see why everyone was in there. I thought it was just a big computer class, I didn't even know I could go in, but I went in anyway, and I realized we had the internet." Arron was so happy, he announced it to his class.

Other students recognize the value of the centres and have expressed fear that as the semester draws to a close

and assignments are due, there will be an avalanche of students demanding the services of the centres and there will be an insufficient number of machines. To alleviate this problem, the hours of the centres have been extended. Casa Loma and St. James are now open until 10:00 p.m. Saturday hours are also available. Although Nightingale closes at 6:30 p.m., it is important to note that all registered students with a valid I.D. have access to all three centres.

Your \$70.00 Technology Fee has bought you approximately 70 hours of access per week to three modern computer centres with some of the most current hardware and software applications. Remember, our centres are still adding new software and equipment in an effort to remain current and to continue to provide you with an excellent and valuable service. This will have to be an ongoing process.

So students, visit us regularly and get your money's worth.

Nelen is a third year Business Administration student working as a Marketing intern with Educational Resources.



'95, Microsoft Office and Netscape Navigator, it is the first time such a centre exists on campus. The Casa Loma and St. James centres started out as rooms equipped with lower-end PCs and MACs, and have evolved into spacious and renovated facilities providing access to some of the most advanced equipment and applica-

quired. This is why Borland c++, Autocad and Softplan are at Casa Loma and the Macintosh 9500s were installed at St. James. However, all currently registered students are welcome to use any of the three centres. These enhancements, coupled with the extended operational hours, were made possible with the aid of

large are moving in a direction where soon, everyone will need to be computer literate, whether a nurse, a community worker, or a day-care teacher. In many cases, just being computer literate is not enough; familiarity with the latest in software applications is necessary to be competitive in a shrinking job market.

D.J. Jam brings unity.

By: The Gas Works,

On Thursday, November 14, 1996, on a regularly scheduled pub night the General Arts & Science reps held a D.J. Jam event.

The event was held for several reasons. The first was to bring the G.A.S. program to the attention of the school. The second was to promote unity in a fun filled friendly environment where all were welcomed. The third, to collect food & cash donations for the students at George Brown College.

There was not much advertising produced for this event, but due to word of mouth there was an overwhelming turn out. According to several sources, including the pub manager, this is believed to be one of the best pubs ever held. This shows a unity & willingness of the community within the George Brown College atmosphere, pulling together on very short notice to make the D.J. Jam viable and successful.

There were a few incidents that occurred throughout the night, but these happened towards the end of the evening. They were in no way, shape or form a reflection on the members who hosted the event, or the majority of the population in attendance.

There was a competitiveness amongst the D.J.'s, but it was a competition. To call it vicious is one take on a competition that saw D.J.'s who cooperated, provided their time, energy & rocked the pub better than it had ever been rocked before. We all send our deepest thanks to all our D.J.'s, special props to D.J. Maggie, one of the few female D.J.'s in the city, who took the time to turn up the heat on this Jam. Also props to "D.J. imposter," because without him our equipment would never have worked.

Due to the hard work of the G.A.S. reps, and all who volunteered to help, this event was a success. Would we do it again? You bet! In fact it's kind of early, but get set cause in '97 we are going to give it to you better than before. D.J. Jam '97 is on the agenda and if it's only half as kicking as D.J. Jam '96, it will be a success.

Also due to the food & money collected, G.B.C staff has informed the General Arts and Science reps that a food bank which was already in the works will likely be set up at St James campus. Thanks to all who gave food & donations at this event.

There are always two takes to every issue. We want to acknowledge the writer of the "Tension in the pub" story for her take on these events. She gave us some factual takes on things that could be better next time. But the overwhelming feeling is, "we are satisfied," and if you are willing to let us do it for you again, we will.

Our thanks: The Gas works.